

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3005  
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2000  
CONSTRUCTION OF JAMMU-UDHAMPUR RAIL LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

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- (a) The date on which the work of laying of railway line from Jammu to Udhampur was started;
- (b) the length out of the total length on which the work has been completed so far and the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) the original time schedule for completion of the project along with the reasons for delay, sector-wise;
- (d) the present status of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail line along with the expenditure incurred, thereon;
- (e) the time by which the whole process is likely to be completed, Sector-wise;
- (f) whether any decision has been taken to finalise the survey reports of Jammu to Poonch, Baramulla to Kupwara and Udhampur to Doda-Bhaderwah submitted during 1999; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH )

(a) to (g) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3005 BY SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN AND SHRI ALI MOHD. NAIK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2000 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF JAMMU-UDHAMPUR RAIL LINE.

- (a) The work was started in September, 1981.
- (b) 11 Kms. (Jammu to Bajalta ) out of total length of 53.2 Kms. between Jammu to Udhampur has been completed. The expenditure incurred on this project is Rs. 307 crores upto 31.03.2000.
- (c) The project was sanctioned in 1981-82 and as per the survey report, the completion period of the project was five years. However, the work could not be completed as per time schedule due to constraint of resources, Geo-technical problems and adverse law and order situation.
- (d) The work between Udhampur - Katra and Qazigund - Baramulla has been started and the planning for work between Katra and Qazigund is being done. The expenditure incurred on this project upto 31.3.2000 is Rs. 191.82 crores.
- (e) The work on Udhampur - Katra and Qazigund - Baramulla sections is expected to be completed by December, 2003 subject to availability of resources. Katra to Qazigund was earlier targeted for completion by August 2007, but due to constraint of resources, this target date will not be feasible to be realized. Fresh target date has not yet been fixed.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) The survey for a new broad gauge line from Jammu to Poonch via Akhnur Rajaori has been completed and the survey report is under examination. The survey for a new BG line from Baramulla to Kupwara (60 Kms.) and Udhampur to Bhadarwah via Doda (85 Kms.) and a branch line from Doda to Kishtwar (55 Kms. ) is in progress and is targeted for completion by October, 2001.